



THE BELTED GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY

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CASTLE DOUGLAS SHOW AND SALE

26TH October 2012

After another successful year for the breed anticipation was high for the Society's annual event at Wallets Marts, and the day did not disappoint. The continuing popularity of the breed, combined with a national publicity campaign by the Society, attracted a huge crowd to the sale. A slightly higher entry on the year of 94 Belted Galloways and 18 White Galloways was complemented by the dispersal of Tom and Joyce Rennie's top herd of Belted Galloways and the stage was set for an exciting day.

SHOW REPORT

The judge for this year's show was a well-known breeder in the Beltie world, Jane Smith of Monmouthshire. Having dispersed her famous Whitepool herd earlier in the year, Jane was well-placed to rise to the challenge of judging what was to be a very large entry, and this she did with typical efficiency and aplomb. With only one entry in the Cow in calf or with calf at foot class the decision was simple, and Tom Rennie's cow Mosston Muir Primula duly took the first prize. The next class proved more challenging, however, with the senior heifers having to be split due to the large entry. The first sub-class was awarded to Tom Rennie again, with Mosston Muir Irish Primrose, a Castlemartin Charlie son with a great show career, including champion Beltie at Ayr show in 2012. The second class of senior heifers was won by Messrs. Ward with their Larghill Lightning daughter Whitestonehill Bertha, which was out of a homebred cow, Whitestonehill Bella.

The junior heifer class was able to be taken in one showing, and this was dominated by the twin herds of Muil and Speddoch, of Muil Farm, Dumfries. First prize went to Muil Olive, a homebred heifer sired by Speddoch Landmark. Second prize went to Speddoch Ola, a Mourneview Jambo daughter out of a Speddoch dam. The third place was taken by another Speddoch heifer also by Mourneview Jambo, Speddoch Ondrea.

Two Senior bulls were forward for the show, with the honours being awarded to Messrs. Booth and Bell for Bigginvale Malcolm. Bred by Messrs. J., J., & N. Adams of Derbyshire, this outstanding bull was sired by Ardwell Winston out of Grandycroft Marvellous. Runner up in the class was Tobergill Minstrel, exhibited by Mrs. J. Howman and bred by Jennifer Taylor out of her homebred cow Tobergill Heidi sired by Mochrum Laird.

Once again, the huge entry of junior bulls required the splitting of the class. The first group was won by Helen Hamilton with Lullenden Hector, a Mochrum Granite son which went on to do great things in the ensuing sale! The second sub-class was awarded to Harry Irvine of Co. Antrim with Belonga Bill, a son of Ballylough Dandy from the well-known herd of Richard Creith.

Now to the championship, and to crown a tremendous year for Tom Rennie, the overall champion's rosette went to Mosston Muir Irish Primrose. Having already won the Royal Highland Show in 2012 with his cow Mosston Muir Primrose there was no doubt that Tom was going out on a high. Reserve Champion was Harry Irvine's junior bull, Belonga Bill.

An increased entry of White Galloways was also reflected in the show, and the female class was only just able to be judged without resorting to splitting. This class saw Messrs. Gilligan repeating their triumph in 2011 by winning with their bulling heifer High Creoch Katie 2nd, a daughter of homebred cow High Creoch Kathleen 2nd. To reinforce their success the Gilligans also picked up second prize female rosette with another bulling heifer, High Creoch Roseanne 11th.

Two White bulls were forward, with Mrs. M. McMorran's homebred two year old, Miefield Ruler, taking the honours. Runner up went to the Traffords' junior bull Bergere Clarence, a son of Peepings June sired by Miefield Morris. Well-deserved champion White Galloway was the Gilligan's heifer High Creoch Katie 2nd, with Mrs. McMorran's bull taking the reserve.

Thanks are due to Judge Jane Smith for a tremendous job in challenging circumstances, to stewards John Corrie and George Sproat, to Wallets Marts staff for their help and last, and most importantly, to all the exhibitors for being such a credit to their breed.

SHOW RESULTS BY CLASS:-

BELTED GALLOWAYS

Heifers in calf or with calf at foot

1) Mosston Muir Primula

Mr. T. Rennie, Forfar

Senior Heifers, class a)

1) Mosston Muir Irish Primrose

Mr. T. Rennie, Forfar

2) Coulmony Canna

Mr. A. Laing, Morayshire

3) Mosstonmuir Irish Primrose

Mr. T. Rennie, Forfar

Senior Heifers, class b)

1) Whitestonehill Bertha

Messrs. Ward, Lockerbie

2) Cairnsmore Felicity Christobel

Messrs. W. & J. Landers, Newton Stewart

3) Whitestonehill Emma

Messrs. Ward, Lockerbie

Junior Heifers

1) Muil Olive

Sir J.C.L. Keswick, Dumfries

2) Speddoch Ola

Speddoch Farm Partnership

3) Speddoch Ondrea

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Senior Bulls

1) Bigginvale Malcolm

Messrs. Booth & Bell, Warwickshire

2) Tobergill Minstrel

Mrs. J. Howman

Junior Bulls, class a)

1) Lullenden Hector

Miss H. Hamilton, Peebleshire

2) Brodale Tarzan

Miss L. Brown, Cupar

3) Broadmeadows Cannon

Mr. D.H. Crighton, Crieff

Junior Bulls, class b)

1) Belonga Bill

Mr. H. Irvine, Co. Antrim

2) Mosstonmuir Patrick

Mr. T. Rennie, Forfar

3) Glen Apache

Mr. I.R. Bond

Champion Belted Galloway

Mosston Muir Irish Primrose

Mr. T. Rennie, Forfar

Reserve Champion

Belonga Bill

Mr. H. Irvine, Co. Antrim

WHITE GALLOWAYS

Females

- 1) **High Creoch Katie 2nd**
Messrs. G. & K. Gilligan, Ayrshire
- 2) **High Creoch Roseanne 11th**
Messrs. G. & K. Gilligan, Ayrshire
- 3) **Irelandton Pepper**
R.K.G. Farms, Kirkcudbright

Bulls

- 1) **Miefield Ruler**
Mrs. M. McMorrان, Kirkcudbright
- 2) **Bergere Clarence**
Messrs. Traffords, Cumbria

White Galloway Champion

Hich Creoch Katie 2nd

Messrs. G. & K. Gilligan, Kirkcudbright

Reserve Champion

Miefield Ruler

Mrs. M. McMorrان, Kirkcudbright

SALE REPORT

A slightly higher entry than the previous year was forward, but a huge crowd of enthusiastic buyers ensured that Belted Galloway prices not only remained buoyant, but also exceeded the 2011 averages. Unfortunately the same did not apply to the White Galloways, with a substantially higher entry meeting a slow demand. In the Belted Galloway section 54 out of the 65 animals sold achieved a four figure price.

Douglas Crighton landed the first notable figure of the sale with his seven year old cow Broadmeadows Sylvia and her heifer calf going for 3,200 guineas to Anne Bell. A most impressive entry of heifers in calf or with calves at foot followed, with only one failing to achieve four figures. Top among these was Helen Hamilton's Whitepool Warlord daughter Lullenden Amazon, which was knocked down to Matt Stoker of Sussex for 2,700 guineas. Not far behind came Anthony Laing's heifer Coulmony Shuna 2nd, also sired by one of Jane Smith's bulls, Whitepool Kite Mark, which went to Messrs. Thompson of Aberdeen for 2,300 guineas. The third in this class to break the 2,000 figure was Frank Charlton's in calf heifer Hallshill Janis, which went across the Pennines to Michael Wentworth Waites for 2,100 guineas.

The bulling heifer class saw a very large increase on last year, up from 24 sold to 35. Despite this the average showed an increase of 86 guineas per head, a sign of the consistently high demand for breeding stock. Again, three heifers broke the 2,000 guinea mark, the top price going to Anthony Laing for another Whitepool Kite Mark daughter, Coulmony Canna, which went across the water to Ireland with Mr. P. Fox of Co. Longford, Eire for 2,600 guineas.

Two heifers tied for second price in the bulling heifer category at 2,300 guineas. First was a red and white Beltie from Sandra Gardner's herd in Lancashire. Arnside Garnet was sired by red bull Arnside Red Admiral and was bought by Beltie Society Council member Adam Lawson of Fife. Second was Bill and Jane Landers' heifer Cairnsmore Felicity Christobel, a product of two top herds, being sired by Coulmony Coll out of a Whitepool cow. She also went across the water, to Messrs. Rea in Co. Antrim.

On to the bulls, and once again the junior bulls set the sale alight. Three broke the 4,000 guinea barrier, but two others deserve special mention. Repeating her success at last year's sale, Carolyn Fletcher saw her two year old Broadmeadows Lennie son, Barwise Jackaroo, knocked down for 5,200 guineas to Mr. J. Bloom of Yorkshire. However, the honours belonged to Helen Hamilton once again. Having broken the breed record price in 2010 with her bull Lullenden Aztec Warrior, which sold for 7,800 guineas, Helen once again delighted the crowd by surpassing her own record and selling another two year old bull, Lullenden Hector, for a **new breed record of 9,000 guineas**. Bought by a consortium of three breeders, this outstanding young bull will be spending his time just over the border between the farms of Roger Robson and James Irving in Cumbria, and Tim Oliver in Northumberland.

Following the main sale of Belted Galloways well known breeder Tom Rennie dispersed the remainder of his Mosston Muir herd. A familiar figure in the show ring, Tom has had a particularly good year, with success at local shows and the Great Yorkshire Show being crowned by winning the Royal Highland Show with his cow Mosston Muir Primrose. Finishing with a flourish by winning the show at Castle Douglas prior to the sale, Tom's five females averaged 3,140 guineas and his bull Mosston Muir Patrick made 4,500 guineas.

Next came the White Galloways, and an increased entry here met with a slower trade. Five more females were sold than in 2011 to average 62 guineas lower, but optimism remains high as breeders are aware that enthusiasm for this particular branch of the Galloway family reflects the special qualities of the breed. Top price went to the show champion, Messrs. Gilligan's High Creoch Katie 2nd, which was bought by Mr. C. McCornick of Newton Stewart for 1,300 guineas. Anne Bell's bulling heifer, Clifton Mabel, went for 1,000 guineas to Mr. W. Morton of Dumfriesshire and another of Anne's entries, Barfil Hello Kitty, bred by Mrs. M. Gordon, also went for 1,000 guineas to Mr. McCornick. Two White bulls were sold, to average 1,050 guineas, with Messrs. Traffords' Bergere Clarence going for 1,200 guineas to Tom Rennie.

PRICES BY CLASS:-

BELTED GALLOWAYS

	2012 No. sold	2011 No. sold	2012 Top (gns.)	2011 Top (gns.)	2012 Ave. (gns.)	2011 Ave. (gns.)
Cows	4	7	3,200	1,600	1,550	1,192
Heifers in calf or with calf at foot	13	13	2,700	3,600	1,636	1,546
Bulling heifers	35	24	2,600	2,500	1,344	1,258
Senior bulls	1	8	1,200	3,800	1,200	1,738
Junior bulls	12	8	9,000	5,800	3,267	3,275
Total	<u>65</u>	<u>60</u>				

WHITE GALLOWAYS

Females	15	10	1,300	1,250	843	905
Bulls	2	0	1,200	-	1,050	-
Total	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>				